IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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   Jeff S. Eder   )   Examiner:
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Serial No. 09/761,671   )   Art Unit: 2163
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Filed: January 18, 2001   )
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For: A DETAILED METHOD OF AND   )
       SYSTEM FOR MODELING AND   )
       ANALYZING BUSINESS   )
       IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS   )
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 41, line 16, please change "numeric and date field data" to -- transaction data and item data extracted from numeric and date fields within the aforementioned databases (10, 15, 30, 35 and 40)--.

On page 41, line 22, please change "cumulative total value, the period to period rate of change in value, the rolling average value and the time lagged value of each numeric item variable" to --summary data like cumulative total value; ratios like the period to period rate of change in value; trends like the